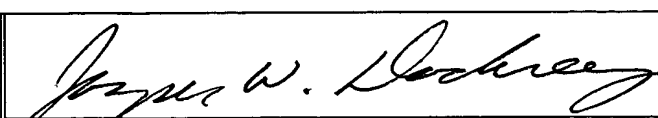


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FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 07-2004)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	CASE NO. 10808/162
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/511851
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE03/00861	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 13, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 29, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION Method For Filling A Contact Hole And Integrated Circuit Arrangement With Contact Hole			
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Jürgen Förster, Klemens Prügl, and Berthold Schuderer			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371			
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).			
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).			
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.			
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.			
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).			
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.			
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:			
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO Form 1449; copies of cited references A8-A13; copy of International Search Report (not in English).			
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.			
14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> An substitute specification.			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.			
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.			
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:			

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